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## **Minutes**

**Thursday, November 30, 2017**

**2:00 PM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber**

**Council meeting**

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Council President Tom Hughes called the Metro Council meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Council President Tom Hughes, Councilor Sam Chase, Councilor Carlotta Collette, Councilor Shirley Craddick, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Councilor Kathryn Harrington, and Councilor Bob Stacey

**2. Citizen Communication**

There was none.

**3. Presentations****3.1 Oregon Zoo Quality of Life Program Audit**

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Brian Evans, Metro Auditor, to present the Oregon Zoo Quality of Life Program Audit. He explained that the purpose of the audit was to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the program, determine that responsibilities were properly assigned, and determine if there were practices that could increase the program's assessment capacity. Mr. Evans provided a brief background of the audit and shared its key findings, including that the criteria for deciding which animals to include in the program, consistency in the level of detail concerning animals and their care, and employee understanding of the program could be strengthened.

Mr. Evans highlighted that the audit included three recommendations to address these findings: clarify the program's purpose and the relationship with other animal welfare efforts; train employees who would be involved; and periodically reevaluate and update the program, staying current with the practices from previous applications of the program in the past. Mr. Evans thanked Dr. Moore and his staff for their work and commitment to the welfare of the zoo's animals.

President Hughes then called on Dr. Don Moore, Oregon Zoo Director, to provide the management response. Dr. Moore thanked the auditor and his team for their work and valuable feedback. Dr. Moore explained that the program was initiated to enhance animals' quality of life care. He informed the Council that quality of life assessments were common but historically had been made less formally based on regular discussions among professional experts. He stated that the new program aimed to provide a formal process with more benchmarks to help evaluate an individual animal's quality of life over the course of weeks or months, once there was heightened concern. Dr. Moore addressed the audit, stating that the zoo would continue to refine its formal process using science-based reasoning, remain committed to staff training for daily operations and professional development, and clearly define roles and responsibilities.

*Council Discussion*

Councilor Harrington expressed appreciation for having an independently-elected auditor to help keep the agency on track. She asked about the timeline for follow-up audits and inquired about the professional literature referenced in the audit. Councilor Collette asked about the intents and motivations behind piloting the quality of life program and if other zoos had implemented similar programs. She noted that particularly given that it was a pilot program, it was important to have the auditor provide feedback on the program as it developed. Councilor Dirksen congratulated Mr. Evans and his staff for receiving an award for their work this past year and thanked them for performing the important function of giving an objective study of Metro's departments and programs.

3.2 First Quarter Financial Report

Council President Hughes called on Mr. Tim Collier, Metro

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Finance and Regulatory Services Director, to present the First Quarter Financial Report. Mr. Collier explained that in the current year the agency had a beginning fund balance that was larger than budgeted, so there were currently no budget adjustments needed. He then provided an update on changes since the last report, the Fourth Quarter Financial Report for fiscal year 2016-2017. He announced that in the first quarter of the current fiscal year, construction excise tax came in as the second-highest ever collected and in the September collections, transit lodging tax revenue was about 24% over what it was in the same period the previous year. He noted that this demonstrated that the end of the last fiscal year and the beginning of the current one were moving positively.

Mr. Collier stated that the majority of Metro's departments were doing particularly well financially, although there were some concerns about the financial progress of the Oregon Zoo. He explained that the first quarter attendance (which drove zoo revenue) was below budget and down from the previous year. He highlighted that rising attendance rates in the second quarter, record attendance in October, and the popularity of the winter ZooLights program would hopefully help meet the budgeted revenue rates. Mr. Collier announced that he would keep the Council informed of such changes and update them with the Second Quarter Financial Report in a few months.

*Council Discussion*

There was none.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilor Stacey, seconded by Councilor Craddick, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Council President Hughes, Councilor Chase, Councilor Collette, Councilor Craddick, Councilor Dirksen, Councilor Harrington, and Councilor Stacey

- 4.1 Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2017
- 4.2 Resolution No. 17-4853, For the Purpose of Adding or Amending Existing Projects to the 2018-21 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to Add and Amend the Remaining New HB2017 Awarded Projects, Plus to Add or Amend 2018 MTIP Projects that Require Implementation Corrections (OC18-03-OCT)

**5. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)**

- 5.1 Ordinance No. 17-1412, For the Purpose of Amending and Readopting Metro Code 7.03 (Investment Policy) for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Council President Hughes introduced Mr. Tim Collier, Director of Finance and Regulatory Services, to provide a brief staff report. Mr. Collier informed the Council that approval of Ordinance No. 17-1412 would amend and readopt the Metro investment policy for fiscal year 2017-2018. He explained that staff recommended two changes to the existing policy: clarify the allowable rating categories for corporate and municipal obligations and formally adopt prohibiting Metro from investing in fossil fuel securities listed on the Carbon Underground 200 list. Mr. Collier noted that the agency had been following the fossil fuel policy since adoption of Resolution No. 16-4721 but by adopting the ordinance it would be formally included in Metro's investment policy. Mr. Collier added that the proposed policy included in the ordinance had been approved by the Oregon Short Term Fund Board and by Metro's Investment Advisory Board.

*Council Discussion*

There was none.

**5.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 17-1412**

Council President Hughes opened up a public hearing on Ordinance No. 17-1412 and requested that those wishing to testify come forward to speak. Seeing none, Council President Hughes gaveled out of the public hearing. He noted that second read, Council consideration, and vote on Ordinance No. 17-1412 would take place on Thursday, December 7.

**6. Chief Operating Officer Communication**

Ms. Martha Bennett provided an update on the following events or items: the recruitment for the Deputy Chief Operating Officer position and the end of Metro's Community Giving campaign drive. She thanked Mr. Jim Middaugh, Metro Communications Director, for chairing the year's campaign.

**7. Councilor Communication**

Councilors provided updates on the following meetings or events: the Road User Fee Task Force, the first meeting of the Portland Area Value Pricing Feasibility Committee, and the quarterly meeting of the Willamette Falls Locks working group. Councilor Dirksen shared a letter he had sent to Mr. Matthew Garrett, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director, regarding the Value Pricing Committee's upcoming work and suggested that in the future the Metro Council should also send a letter as a body.

**8. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Council President Hughes adjourned the Metro Council meeting at 2:55 p.m. The Metro Council will convene the next regular council meeting on December 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center in

the council chamber.

Respectfully submitted,



Nellie Papsdorf, Legislative and Engagement Coordinator



**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 30, 2017**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TYPE</b>	<b>DOC DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT No.</b>
<b>4.1</b>	Minutes	11/30/17	Council Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2017	113017c-01
<b>7.0</b>	Handout	11/30/17	Councilor Dirksen Letter to Director Garrett	113017c-02